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SUBJ: PROPERTY CLAIMS IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS OF CYPRUS

REF: STATE 089872

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN REPLY TO PARA 2, REFTEL.

2. PRIVATE PROPERTY:

A. ON APRIL 21, 1975, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 252 CLAIMS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BEING HANDLED BY THE CONSULAR SECTION. THESE CLAIMS RANGE FROM EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS IN LAND, BUILDINGS, AND FURNITURE TO SMALL CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS AND AUTOMOBILES. OF THE 252 CASES, 53 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE FTCS AND THE TURKISH EMBASSY AS FULLY DOCUMENTED, I.E. WITH PROOF OF OWNERSHIP AND PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP. ALL CLAIMANTS ARE BEING ADVISED TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP IN ORDER THAT THEIR CLAIMS CAN BE REGISTERED.

B. PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED TO REGISTER CLAIMS INVOLVES MAKING TRIPLICATE COPIES OF OWNERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, AND INVENTORY LISTS

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(WHERE APPROPRIATE). A MASTER FILE IS RETAINED BY THE CONSULAR

SECTION; ONE COPY IS PRESENTED TO THE FTCS UNDER COVER OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. ISMAIL KARAGOZLU, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. A SECOND COPY IS PRESENTED TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY. PERIODICALLY WRITTEN REQUESTS ARE SUBMITTED TO FTCS VIA THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ROUTE TO VISIT AND INSPECT PROPERTIES. TO DATE VERY FEW OF THESE REQUESTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED AND THE MAJORITY OF THE PROPERTIES HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN BY A CONSULAR OFFICER. HOWEVER, AN EMBASSY LOCAL TURKISH CYPRIOT EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN MAKING UNOFFICIAL INSPECTION OF SOME PROPERTIES.

3. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

A. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION IS HANDLED BY THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION WHICH IS PRESENTLY MONITORING REQUESTS FOR PROTECTION FROM 17 FIRMS. THE EMBASSY ENDEAVOURS TO OBTAIN FROM THE FIRMS VARIOUS DOCUMENTS SHOWING PROOF OF OWNERSHIP AND PROOF OF U.S. INTEREST. THE DOCUMENTS ARE EXAMINED BY THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION AND PASSED TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WITH A COVER LETTER REQUESTING PROTECTION. THE MINISTRY ACKNOWLEDGES ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND OFTEN REQUESTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

B. IN SOME CASES COMPANIES HAVE PREFERRED TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

C. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT SEEK TO PLAY THE PART OF INTERMEDIARY BUT ENTERS THE PICTURE ONLY WHEN ASKED. DOCUMENTATION IS NOT SENT TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY. CASES ARE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED; REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS ARE TELEGRAPHED TO EMBASSY ANKARA AS WELL AS TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER KOSHELEFF PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROTECTION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DURING HIS DEPARTMENT CONSULTATION BEGINNING APRIL 28.
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